

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	10103	Agenda Number	35.
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Meeting Date:	9/22/2011	Department:	Legal
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Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to the legal services agreement with The Law Office of Randy Leavitt, to provide legal services related to Texas Open Meeting Act issues, Public Information Act issues and records retention issues to increase funding in the amount of \$80,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$203,000. Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Operating Budget of the Law Department; Authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to the legal services agreement with Thompson & Knight, LLP, to provide legal services related to Texas Open Meeting Act issues, Public Information Act issues and records retention issues to increase funding in the amount of \$75,000 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$163,000. Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Operating Budget of the Law Department.

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
For More Information:	
Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

The City of Austin retained The Law Office of Randy Leavitt and Thompson & Knight, LLP to provide legal assistance on Texas Open Meetings Act issues, Public Information Act issues and record retention issues. The law firms are reviewing city policies to ensure that city practices, procedures and processes comply with these state law provisions. This increased funding is for the firms to continue to provide legal advice, training, review and modification of existing policies, as well as assistance with drafting and implementation of new policies, practices, and procedures that may be required.